

Informalities

Claims 1-11, 15 were objected to because of a number of cited informalities. This rejection is no longer applicable as Claims 1-20 have been withdrawn and replaced by new claims 21-35.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-20 have been withdrawn, and replaced by new claims 21-35. In view of the double patenting rejection of claims 1-4, 6-9, 12, 16, and 18 over U.S. Patent No. 6,697,118, Applicant herein submits a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b). Withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC Section 102 (b)

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated by Powell et al. (U.S. No. 5,721,997). This rejection is no longer applicable in view of the present amendment.

Claim 1-3, 6-15, 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of Wade (U.S. No. 3,427,102). This rejection is no longer applicable in view of this amendment.

Claims 4-5, 12-15 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of Wade and further in view of Paddock et al. (6,347,892). This rejection is no longer applicable in view of this amendment.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-20 and presented new claims 21-35 in order to more clearly define the invention and distinguish over the references. The Applicant's invention is directed to a support for a hand held camera that enables the camera to remain level even though the holder is tilted about at least one axis. Neither one of Powell or Wade or

the combination of them further in view of Paddock et al disclose or suggest the combination of “a first elongated frame member having a normally vertical orientation, a distal end and a proximal end, a hand grip at said proximal end and a pivot mount having at least a first normally horizontal pivot axis at said distal end; a second frame pivotally mounted to said first frame at said pivot mount for freely pivoting about said horizontal axis; and a camera mount on said second frame disposed below said pivot axis for mounting a camera so that said the combined center of gravity of said camera and said second frame are disposed below said horizontal pivot axis” as recited in claim 21.

Moreover, not one of Powell or Wade or any combination of them including Paddock et al disclose or suggest the combination of “an elongated first frame having a normally vertical orientation and a generally C configuration with an upper arm and a lower arm normally extending horizontally, a pivot mount having at least a normally horizontal first pivot axis on said an outer end of said upper arm and a normally vertical hand grip mounted on said lower arm; a second frame pivotally mounted to said first frame at said pivot mount to freely pivot about said first axis; and a camera mount on said second frame disposed to position a camera below said pivot mount so that the combined weight of said camera and said second frame is below said first pivot axis” as recited in claim 30.

For the above reasons the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

A petition for a one-month extension of time and a request for \$55 to be take out of Deposit Account 50-1990 is requested.

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Other than the extension of time for response fee for which payment is noted above, it is not believed that any fees are due with respect to the amendment of the claims herein. However, should any such fees be due, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to